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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices for next week were mostly trending unchanged. Trade sentiment was generally steady in all areas. Retail demand entering the weekend was mostly slow to fair with hopes that first of the month will increase movement. Food service was light to moderate, best into fast food channels. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was mixed, mostly moderate. Breast items were balanced to closely cleared and held with confidence. Wings were sufficient to more available, and dark meat was obtainable. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed.

Preliminary report Prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 30-JAN-2006 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	52.00-55.00	46.00-69.00	54.11	27
New York	55.00-58.00			
Los Angeles	77.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	69.00-71.00	54.00-75.00	69.06	92

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 69.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
944	66.00-70.25	69.24
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice-packed parts:		
ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	136.00	1,196
BREASTS - B/S	109.00	5,534
BREASTS - WHOLE	58.00	1,263
THIGH MEAT - B/S	94.50	1,000
LEG QUARTERS	26.00	7,574
WINGS	100.50	2,889

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS The preliminary majority price into Chicago for next week's delivery was unchanged from Monday's final majority price. Whole fryer trade sentiment was steady. Offerings of whole fryers were adequate and balanced with buyers current needs. Retail and food service demand slow to instances fairly good, best into fast food channels. Floor stocks were adequate. Weights desirable to instances smaller than desired. Supplies of parts items adequate with boneless skinless breasts in the tightest position. The market tone was steady to fully steady on boneless skinless breasts, steady on remaining parts items.

SOUTHERN BROILER Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand entering the weekend was light to fair with mixed trading and opinions for first of the month. Supplies of all sizes were at least sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was mostly fair to moderate. Breast items were well balanced to closely cleared and moving well. Wings were more available, but moving, and dark meat was readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices were unchanged. Trading reported on WOGs for next weeks' delivery were at generally unchanged prices. Offerings moved into better balance, yet remained easily adequate to cover current trade needs. Discounts were available but not as steep as previous weeks. Retailer demand was fair to fairly good. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend carryovers.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly fair entering the weekend. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate for current needs. Retail and distributive movement ranged light to moderate and fast food movement was noted as fair to instances fairly good. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, breast items were adequate to well cleared; dark meat cuts and wings remained fully sufficient.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was generally noted as fairly good to good entering the weekend. Offerings varied and were well cleared at some points, fully adequate at others. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 56 to 70 cents. Trade sentiment was at least steady. In the parts complex, breast cuts were adequate to tight. Leg quarters were irregularly available but at least adequate overall. Wings were fully adequate.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	56-75
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	(A)
	01/23/06-01/27/06
	01/24/05-01/28/05
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
	01/23/06-01/27/06
	01/24/05-01/28/05
	(A)

(A)Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

JAN 27

ITEM	POUNDS			WTD	POUNDS				WEEKLY		
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG	
BREAST - B/S	620	86.00-165.00	100-105	98.68	640	88.00-164.00	-	100.50	3,525	98.69	
TENDERLOINS	218	75.00-139.00	-	84.09	213	80.00-139.00	-	86.84	1,075	84.38	
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				576	61.17	
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				275	57.22	
LEGS	248	30.00-48.00	32-34	33.65	248	30.00-48.00	32-34	33.65	840	34.24	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	588	19.00-25.00	21-22	20.71	563	18.00-25.00	20-21	20.76	2,955	20.71	
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,269	20.00-30.00	23-25	24.21	1,229	21.00-30.00	23-25	23.93	5,645	23.82	
WINGS (WHOLE)	307	95.00-104.00	96-98	98.09	322	94.00-105.00	95-99	98.12	1,550	97.88	
WINGS (CUT)	275	110.00-116.00	112-114	111.96	325	110.00-119.00	114-116	114.83	1,580	114.02	
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				336	39.98	
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				160	41.38	
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				380	93.46	
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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS					WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS						
TRADING FOR JAN 26, 2006 -- F.O.B. DOCK.					TRADING FOR JAN 27, 2006 -- F.O.B. DOCK.						

RANGE**TODAY'S AVERAGE**

37.00 - 41.50

38.52

RANGE**TODAY'S AVERAGE**

36.00 - 41.50

38.38

5-DAY AVERAGE

38.92

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS - Trucklot buying activity was mostly moderate entering the weekend. Offerings of breast items were in good balance to well cleared. Dark meat cuts were more than sufficient for current trade needs. Wings were at least adequate. Movement through retail channels was at least moderate to instances good. Distributive movement was fair to moderate. The market tone was firm for boneless skinless breasts; at least steady to fully steady for bone-in breasts. The balance of items were no better than steady. ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

JAN 26

JAN 27

ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD AVG**	CURRENT NEG			WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
	TRADING*				TRADING*						
BREAST - B/S	105-110		97.17		110		99.72		620,640	97.82	3,109,280
TENDERLOINS	90-95		93.09		90-95		92.70		197,740	90.84	1,014,137
BREAST - WITH RIBS	53-54		57.93		53-54		61.61		94,680	60.48	415,080
BREAST - LINE RUN	53		54.57		53		55.11		81,000	52.28	374,400
LEGS	39-40		39.43		39-40		37.79		246,570	40.02	1,006,820
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	22-23		24.14		22-23		24.93		287,400	24.15	1,596,436
DRUMSTICKS	30-31		38.74		30-31		31.09		173,160	33.99	611,710
THIGHS	33-34		40.96		33-34		41.78		41,200	40.11	304,320
B/S THIGHS	100-101		93.76		100-101		95.61		55,840	93.25	501,860
WINGS (WHOLE)	98-99		99.49		98-99		106.04		138,920	100.25	995,420
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12		11.35		10-12		11.23		29,880	11.30	118,280
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55		54.92		50-55		53.10		12,803	52.35	53,031
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75		73.67		70-75		72.57		10,480	72.14	75,680

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WT		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		RANGE
	(1,000)		(1,000)				(1,000)				
	01/27	01/26	01/25	01/24	01/25	01/24	01/20	01/18			
Alabama	3,634	4,020	3,747	4,016	5.40	5.47	4,210	5.49			97-99
Arkansas	5,039	5,336	5,359	5,438	5.03	5.32	4,949	5.21			99-108
Delmarva	2,295	2,320	2,287	2,559	5.80	5.88	2,372	5.80			-
KY-LA-TN	2,437	2,335	2,206	2,217	5.19	5.24	2,093	5.14			65-73
Mississippi	3,500	3,020	2,945	2,897	5.76	5.70	3,420	5.70			-
North Carolina	2,598	2,587	2,541	2,499	6.72	6.81	2,760	6.89			-
Texas	2,565	2,519	2,329	2,526	5.23	5.29	2,581	5.24			-
Total	22,068	22,137	21,414	21,880	5.52	5.62	22,385	5.58			

Mon-Fri 109,972 (A) 102,426(A)

Saturday 723 (included in total for date shown) 717

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 27-Jan-06 and 28-Jan-06 is estimated to be 33,016,000 head down 1.71 percent from a week ago and up 2.52 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 33,591,000, last year 32,206,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 28-Jan-06 is estimated to be 163,697,000 head up 5.96 percent from a week ago, and up 3.76 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 154,485,000, last year 157,768,000)

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

		RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	89-105
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK	114
HENS UNDER 5#	ICE PACK	100
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	118
DUCKS	ICE PACK	88-102
	DRY PACK	109
		185-190

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 14-Jan-06 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning
Food service
4.20 Lbs. & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs. 5.26 Lbs. & Up

	-----THOUSANDS-----		
Head	29,276	12,256	52,387
Avg Weight	3.76	4.74	6.38
% of total /1	31%	13%	56%

Comparisons

Last week	26,562	17,344	59,184
Avg Weight	3.69	4.67	6.50
% of total /1	26%	17%	57%

Same week, yr ago /2	23,130	21,664	42,602
Avg Weight	3.58	4.73	6.43
% of total /1	26%	25%	49%

To date/2006	55,838	29,600	111,571
To date/2005	49,413	40,869	91,650

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding. /2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION (Preliminary)

W/E 21-JAN-2005	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	154,485	1,498	1,410	2,908	432
Avg Wt	5.40	3.33	7.91	5.55	5.95
Last week	167,302	1,487	1,349	2,836	470
Same wk yr ago	149,431	1,451	1,205	2,656	493
Avg Wt	5.33	3.20	8.11	5.43	6.69
To-date/2006	471,813	4,260	4,159	8,419	1,397
To-date/2005	469,112	4,547	3,907	8,454	1,559

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 162.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 156.4 million head, or 6.0 million less than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/

FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
December 17	166.3	157.9	105%	5.37
24	153.5	155.4	99%	5.43
31	143.7	154.6	93%	5.35
January 7	151.8	156.5	97%	5.38
14	169.3	160.4	106%	5.35
21	156.4	162.4	96%	5.4
Year to date	477.5	479.3	100%	
January 28		164.5		
February 4		165.4		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

Under Federal Inspection

W/E	01/28/06	01/21/06	% CHG	01/29/05	% CHG
Broilers	163,697	154,485*	+5.96	157,768*	+3.76
Cattle	608	603	+01	591*	+03
Hogs	2,033	2,107	-04	1,999*	+02

*ACTUAL

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 23-JAN-2006

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	151-155	157-161
MOSTLY		

MIDWEST	132-142	133-143
MOSTLY		

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED, CENTS PER POUND

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	53.00-61.00	58.00-61.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	64.00-86.00	72.00-78.00

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	63.36-72.90
14 OZ.	69.84-81.00
16 OZ.	74.88-89.10

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices were unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Demand was good to very good due to the upcoming Chinese New Year. Supplies were balanced to tight. Weights were usually desirable. Schedules full time to over time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$3.50-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.45-1.95, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$0.50-0.65, livers at \$0.95-1.70, and feet at \$1.00-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 23-JAN-2006

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	126-146	128-148

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION - DATE OF AUCTION: 01-24-06

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

Prices paid per pound, except as noted.

	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.70 - .75
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.70 - .80
Pekin Ducks	3.00 - 3.25ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.40 - .45
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.50 - .70
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.60 - .70
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.70 - .80
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.50 - .60
Guinea Fowl	1.10 - 1.20ea.
Banty Roosters	1.25 - 1.50ea.
Banty Hens	.75 - 1.00ea.
Silkie	2.00 - 4.00ea.
Pigeons	4.75 - 5.10ea.
White Pigeons	4.50 - 5.00ea.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	1.65 - 1.70
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	1.65 - 1.67
Bunnies	2.00 - 5.00ea.
Guinea Pigs	5.25 - 6.00ea.
Goats	45.00 - 60.00ea.
Chukars	6.00 - 7.00ea.
Pullets 4-6 LBS	.80 - .90

Total Coops Sold 384

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading was too few to report for heavy canners; unchanged on lights when compared to the previous week. Demand was generally fair at best for light canners; mostly fair to moderate for heavy canners with most available supplies being used internally. Offerings ranged adequate to available for current trade needs. Processing schedules were mostly normal. The undertone was steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
20-29 MAJORITY 24.5-25.5	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
21-32 MAJORITY 26-27	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to at least moderate good for the mostly adequate to at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were mostly normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	3-11	7-9.5

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Disposal costs were too few to report. Demand was moderate for fully adequate supplies of light hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Salvage values were expected to remain steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Removal costs ranged higher. Offerings were balanced to available with demand improved and reported as fairly good to good. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	05-8.5	-8.5

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plant schedules moderate. Offerings adequate.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 30-JANUARY-06

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was fair to mostly moderate for the generally adequate offerings. Processing schedules for next week were noted as normal. Sales of finished product ranged light to moderate. The undertone was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS Trading was too few to report. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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